

SENATE BILL 3011  
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4,  
Chapter 3, Part 14; Title 49, Chapter 4, Part 9;  
Title 50; Title 56 and Title 71, relative to workforce  
skills development.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-3-1404, is amended by adding the following new subsections thereto:

(c) The department shall consult with representatives of business and industry to determine their foreseeable workforce needs for the next decade, including insurance benefits that should reasonably be expected to be provided by business and industry. The department shall collaborate with the commissioner of commerce and insurance to develop policies that encourage insurance coverage for employees while maintaining competitiveness of employers.

(d) In implementing the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 the department shall collaborate with the board of regents to advertise and promote to current and future employees the availability and utility of Wilder-Naifeh technical skills grants. The department shall cooperate with the board of regents to develop specialized coursework within schools in the board of regents system that will serve the needs of employers and employees.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-921(a), is amended in the first sentence by deleting the language "Tennessee technology center" and by substituting instead the language "institution".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-902, is amended in subdivision (37) by deleting the language "a Tennessee technology center" and by substituting instead the language "a qualified institution".

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.